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**RESPONSE UNDER 35 USC 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

As an initial matter, Applicants confirm election of Group C as set forth in the prior Office Action. It is expected that the Office will expand the scope of its search to include the full breadth of the pending claims once there indication that the complex of elected claim 57 (in which the amino acid is Cys) is deemed allowable.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the USPTO took the position that the pending claims should not receive priority benefit from the following parental applications: 08/382,454 as filed on February 1, 1995 ("454") and 08/283,302 as filed on July 29,